

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) 8:05CR218
 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.) REPORT AND
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FIDEL SALINAS-CRUZ,) RECOMMENDATION
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 Defendant.)

On August 11, 2005, defendant Fidel Salinas-Cruz (Salinas-Cruz), together with his counsel, J. Bruce Teichman, appeared before the undersigned magistrate judge. Eleazar Carrasco, a certified interpreter in the Spanish language, served as the interpreter by remote telephone hook-up. Salinas-Cruz was advised of the charges, the penalties and the right to appear before a United States District Judge. After orally consenting to proceed before a magistrate judge, Salinas-Cruz entered a plea of guilty to Count IV of the Indictment.

After being sworn, Salinas-Cruz was orally examined by the undersigned magistrate judge in open court as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. Salinas-Cruz also was given the advice required by that Rule. Finally, Salinas-Cruz was given a full opportunity to address the court and ask questions.

Counsel for the government and counsel for Salinas-Cruz were given the opportunity to suggest additional questions by the court. Moreover, both counsel orally certified that they were of the opinion that the plea was knowing, intelligent and voluntary, and that there was a factual basis for Salinas-Cruz's plea of guilty to Count IV of the Indictment.

Therefore, I find and conclude that: (1) the plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; (2) there is a factual basis for the plea; (3) the provisions of Rule 11 and any

other provisions of the law governing the submission of guilty pleas have been complied with; (4) a petition to enter a plea of guilty, on a form approved by the court, was completed by Salinas-Cruz, Salinas-Cruz's counsel and counsel for the government, and such petition was placed in the court file; (5) the plea agreement is in writing and is filed in the court file; (6) there were no other agreements or stipulations other than as contained in the written plea agreement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO JUDGE LAURIE SMITH CAMP that:

1. She accept the guilty plea and find the defendant, Fidel Salinas-Cruz, guilty of the crime set forth in Count IV of the Indictment to which Salinas-Cruz tendered a guilty plea;
2. She not accept the written plea agreement at this time as it contains a provision under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C), but rather she consider the agreement at the time of sentencing.

ADMONITION

Pursuant to NECrimR 57.3 any objection to this Report and Recommendation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of this Report and Recommendation. Failure to timely object may constitute a waiver of any such objection. The brief in support of any objection shall be filed at the time of filing such objection. Failure to file a brief in support of any objection may be deemed an abandonment of the objection.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge